



# WEST CLANDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

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### Present:

Parish Councillors: Chris Dean ("CD"), Neil Higgins ("NH"), Eric Palmer ("EP"), Jonathan Murphy ("JM"), Jenny Wicks ("JW"), Ann Dickinson ("AD") and Sam Wreford ("SW").

Parish Clerk: Paul Edwards ("Clerk"/"PE")

GBC Councillor: Catherine Young ("CY")

SCC Councillor: Bob Hughes ("BH")

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

### 24/046 Apologies for absence

As Chairman Terence Patrick has sent apologies, Vice-Chairman Chris Dean took over the chair.

Apologies were also received from GBC Councillors Dawn Bennett ("DB") and Ruth Brothwell ("RB").

### 24/047 Declarations of interest

TP is an Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Guildford and member of the Village Hall Management Committee. CD is a member of the Village Hall Management Committee. EP is the Chairman of the East and West Clandon Residents Association (EWCRA). JW is an Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Guildford.

### 24/048 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on March 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

The meeting approved the minutes of the March meeting without amendment.

### 24/049 Matters arising from the meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

The following items from the March meeting were discussed:

- 24/034 – the Clerk reported that the phone in the BT phone kiosk was now operational; unfortunately, the repairs to the kiosk had not yet been undertaken and he agreed to follow up with BT.

- 24/034 – Noisy/aggressive dogs – the Clerk advised that TP had been contacted by Gary Durrant (GBC), who is now investigating the complaints.
- 24/035 – Clandon House NT – following a request by the National Trust to present their latest plans for redevelopment to the Parish Council and following a subsequent exhibition of these at the RBL, the meeting recommended that they attend the Annual Parish Meeting in May to give a short presentation and field questions. The Clerk will liaise with the NT team on this.
- 24/044 – the Clerk updated the meeting on the East of Guildford Parishes Flood Forum and suggested that it was a useful group for sharing and escalating flood/drainage issues. He has prepared a log of West Clandon issues for the Forum and will maintain this going forward.

## **24/050 Council Correspondence Sent and Received**

The following topic relating to items of correspondence was discussed:

- Pothole on Clandon Road –the Clerk reported that he had logged a fault with Surrey Highways who have now agreed to repair it. Since then, a resident has incurred a costly amount of damage to his car due to the pothole and is seeking compensation. BH offered to escalate the issue if required.

## **24/051 Planning Matters**

AD noted an interest in two of the planning applications due for discussion.

JM talked through the latest planning applications and rulings. The meeting determined that that the following applications require the submission of comments:

- 24/P/00353 (The Bulls Head) – objection.
- 24/P/00284 (Hare & Hounds Cottage) – strong objection; also, CY noted she would investigate the application with GBC Planning and BH agreed to write to Surrey Highways on the parking and flooding concerns.
- 24/P/02143/44 (Clandon Regis) – comment to emphasize concerns.
- 24/P/00378 (Holm House) – comment that, also some positive features, the application contravenes the Neighbourhood Plan.

The meeting also discussed tall fencing at Tudor Lodge, that is currently being erected without planning permission. It was agreed to report this to the GBC enforcement team and also to note to them the relevant requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **24/052 Financial Matters and Approvals**

The Chairman referred to Annex C in the meeting papers relating to the payments made since the last meeting totaling £2,244.94 and the meeting approved these.

The Clerk summarized the 2023/24 full-year management accounts, noting a final deficit of £273 against a budgeted deficit of £1,496. The main variances to budget were underspends on the village hall grants (£2000), sundries (£980) and footpaths (£910) offset by overspends on capital projects (£3,157).

### **24/053 Gosden Hill, Garlick's Arch, Wisley Airfield and other Local Plan updates**

CD and CY advised that there was not any news yet on the results of the Former Wisley Airfield appeal or of any meeting between GBC Planning and Martin Grant Homes on Gosden Hill.

### **24/054 Recreation Ground, Playground and Car Park**

EP reported that the first cut of the year has now been completed. A number of minor playground works for the season need undertaking now including de-rusting the slide as well as fencing and ground repairs; a quote for £700 has been received and the Council agreed to the expenditure.

### **24/055 Footpaths**

The issue of the Felix Drive locked gate and a potential right of way was raised by a resident. The Chairman and Clerk reminded the meeting of the history around this issue and noted that the Council could provide administration support for a Rights of Way application if at least 20 residents can be found to provide evidence of historic footpath usage.

### **24/056 A247 Matters**

A resident reported that a knee rail at the Meadowlands entrance had broken and that the pavement opposite Summers was too narrow due to earth slippage from the bank. The Clerk agreed to investigate and arrange remediation.

BH noted that he continues to push our A247 traffic safety issues (notably at the narrow part of The Street, at the station approach and along Clandon Road between Lime Grove and Green Lane) with Surrey Highways and Surrey Police.

BH added that the dead oak tree at Maidmond, Clandon Road was still stuck with the legal department at SCC and no enforcement letter had yet been issued.

### **24/057 AOB**

CD announced that, after 11 years, he will be stepping down from the Council at the next meeting. On behalf of the meeting, EP gave CD thanks for all his good input into the Council during his tenure.

### **24/058 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

### **CLOSING**

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting at 21.43.